of-the-year-next-following-the-year-in-which-the-Commission-makes its-recommendations-

(g)--This-section-does-not-affect-§§-1-702(b),-1-703(b),--or 1-705--through-1-707--of--this--article,--or--Article-73B,-§§-55 through-59-of-the-Code-

2-607.

- (a) (1) The administrative judge of each district, with the approval of the Chief Judge of the District Court, may appoint the number of commissioners necessary to perform the functions of the office within each county.
- (2) In multiple-county districts, the administrative judge shall obtain the recommendation of the resident judge in each county as to the number of commissioners required in the county and as to the persons to be appointed.
- (b) (1) Commissioners shall be adult residents of the counties in which they serve, but they need not be lawyers.
- (2)--Each--commissioner-shall-be-paid-the-compensation AS-fixed-{by-law,}-UNDER-\$-1-708-0F-THIS-ARTICLE;--PROVIDED--THAT SUCH-COMPENSATION-IS-AT-LEAST-EQUAL-IN-AMOUNT-TO-THAT-RECEIVED-BY A--CLASSIFIED--EMPLOYEE--OF--THE--STATE-MERIT-SYSTEM-AT-GRADE-13, BASE:
- AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THAT RECEIVED BY A CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE IN THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM AS FOLLOWS:
  - (I) STARTING SALARY..........GRADE 13, BASE
  - (II) MAXIMUM SALARY FOR UP THROUGH 5 YEARS OF SERVICE......GRADE 13, STEP 6
  - (III) SALARY AT BEGINNING OF 6TH YEAR OF SERVICE
    AND THEREAFTER......GRADE 14, STEP 6
  - (IV) SHIFT SUPERVISORS......GRADE 15, STEP 6
  - (V) SUPERVISORS......GRADE 16, STEP 6.
- (3) EACH COMMISSIONER SHALL hold office at the pleasure of the Chief Judge of the District Court, and has the powers and duties prescribed by law.
- (4) Except without additional compensation, unless otherwise fixed by law, a classified employee of the District Court, who is an adult, may be granted, in the same manner, commissioner powers and duties in the county where he is employed.